will be advanced even though the security is insufficient? Categorically, if the properties are sufficient the money will be advanced.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—In the point of security some deviation ought to be made, in view of the fact that the security level has come down now because of the harassing indebtedness of the peasants.

Mr. President.—Even though the security is not adequate Government should advance money. As it is 75 per cent of the value is advanced. Does the Hon'ble Member want that to be reduced?

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—I mean that the pre-depression value of the property should be taken into consideration. Otherwise not even one per cent of the debtors will be benefitted by the scheme.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government at least kindly make a note of it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—That is money should be advanced on the assumption that the properties were offered for loan some years before.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—In other words the debt amount will have to be lowered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—By how much has the value of immoveable properties come down since the depression?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It depends on the nature of the property and it also depends upon the locality in which it is situated and several other things.

Chiras near Kallettumkara Railway Station.

45. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan.**—With reference to Government's reply (No. D-4-11080/1109) to the petition dated 26th Kumbham 1109 from the residents of Kallettumkara, will the Government be pleased to state how many chiras are there near the Railway Station where water is available for drinking and bathing purposes during the hot months of Kumbham, Meenam and Medam?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Three.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Hon'ble Member inform the House who reported to the Government that there are three Chiras?

Mr. President.—When Government itself gave the answer why should you put such a question?

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Mr. A. V. Mootiedan.—I want to know the name of the particular officer who reported; if it is prohibited by rules to put such a question I withdraw.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Has the Hon'ble Member ascertained the fact that there are three chiras is true by personal inspection?

Mr. President.—Unless the Member is not prepared to adduce sufficient information that the information given is not true, I am not prepared to allow a question of that nature.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—From the nature of the question put by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi, I thought that the answer given is incorrect.

Mr. K. S. Manickam.—May I know whether the chiras referred to are directly under the management of the Panchayats?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Which are those chiras?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I want notice.

Non-pensionable Village Officers.

46. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—(1) Are there Village Officers not entitled to pension on retirement;

(i) if so, when was this class of officers created;

(ii) how many such officers are there in the State service;

(2) is any special beneficial provision made for them on their retirement?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(i) From 1st Chingam 1099.

(ii) 109.

(2) No.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Does the number include men in service prior to 1109?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Only after 1109.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—May I know whether the benefit of the Provident Fund scheme made applicable to the Forest Officers will be made applicable to these men?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Before 1109 were the village Officers entitled to pension?

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